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SUBJECT: POLISH MINISTER OF MINING IN MOSCOW

1. TRYBUNDA LUDU FOR AUGUST 19 CARRIES A BRIEF ANNOUNCEMENT THAT MINISTER OF MINING WLODZIMIERZ LEJCZAK HAD VISITED MOSCOW FOR MEETINGS WITH SOVIET MINISTER OF COAL INDUSTRY BORIS BRATCHENKO AND MINISTER OF GAS INDUSTRY SABIT ORUDZHEV. THE PURPOSE OF THE TALKS WAS TO DISCUSS MUTUAL DELIVERIES OF MINING MACHINERY AND EQUIPMENT DURING 1978 AND ALSO "ADDITIONAL DELIVERIES OF NATURAL GAS THIS YEAR FROM THE USSR TO POLAND." LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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THE DISCUSSIONS WERE CONCLUDED "WITH POSITIVE RESULTS" AND TOOK PLACE IN A "BUSINESSLIKE AND FRIENDLY ATMOSPHERE."

2. COMMENT: COOPERATION IN PRODUCTION OF MINING INDUSTRY AND EQUIPMENT, ESPECIALLY FOR COAL EXTRACTION, IS ONE OF THE SPECIFIC AREAS MEN-

TIONED IN SOVIET-POLISH PLANS FOR EXPANDED ECONOMIC COOPERATION REPORTED EARLIER THIS YEAR. UP TO NOW, HOWEVER, THE TREND HAS BEEN PRIMARILY SOVIET DELIVERIES OF MINING MACHINERY IN EXCHANGE FOR POLISH COAL.

3. WE WERE INFORMED SEVERAL MONTHS AGO THAT SOVIET GAS DELIVERIES WERE TEMPORARILY SUSPENDED LAST WINTER DUE TO TECHNICAL DIFFICULTIES, AS A RESULT OF WHICH POLISH SULPHUR PRODUCTION WAS DISRUPTED. SCHAUFELE

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